

“LETTING YOU KNOW”

The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.

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Special Provision for Patching Contracts

The Department has been placing a Special Provision, Additional Bidder Responsibility Evaluation Criteria, in patching contracts. This Special Provision establishes additional responsibility consideration in accordance with 44 Illinois Administrative Code 650.70 of the Rules for Prequalification of Contractors and Issuance of Plans and Proposals.

Each bidder must submit for evaluation, as part of its bid, a work plan detailing the Contractor's response preparedness and manner of scheduling the work in order to explain how the contractor will be able to complete work ordered in keeping within the contract lane restrictions and within allowable contract time. **Failure to submit the work plan with the bid shall be cause to declare the submitted bid not responsive.**

On recent Lettings, several contractors did not comply with the Special Provision; therefore, their bids were not responsive.

Please be aware of this Special Provision, its requirements and importance when preparing your bids. Any questions may be directed to Jim Duncan at (217) 782-7806 or duncanjr@nt.dot.state.il.us.

Annual DBE Goal

Federal regulations require the Department to set its statewide DBE goal annually. For federal fiscal year 2004 the overall goal for highway construction and consultant contracts is 13.80 percent, and for aeronautics contracts the overall goal is 11.63 percent.

Please see the Special Notice—Annual DBE Goal in this Bulletin. Any questions may be directed to the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 782-5490.



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**Delays Caused by
Lack of Proper
Insurance**

The most frequent cause for delay of the execution of a contract is absence of satisfactory evidence of insurance as required by Article 107.27 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

Lack of approved Railroad Protective Insurance can cause interruption of work and delays in construction. Article 107.22 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction contains the requirements for Railroad Insurance. Before the Department can request approval from the Railroad, the Certificates of Insurance and the original and one certified copy of the policy must be submitted to the Contracts Office.

Please refer to the Special Notice—Insurance and Railroad Insurance in this Bulletin.

STAY INFORMED!

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.